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SUBJ: THE "HARTAL" IN KASHMIR

1. INDIAN WIRE SERVICES REPORT THAT POLICE USED TEARGAS FEBRUARY 28 TO BREAK UP CLASHES IN ON PORTION OF SRINAGAR BETWEEN FOLLOWERS OF MIRWAIZ FAROOQ, WHO OPPOSES THE ABDULLAH-GANDHI AGREEMENT, AND SUPPORTERS OF SHEIKH ABDULLAH. WHILE MOST SHOPS IN THE CITY HAD BEEN OPEN EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE CLOSED FOLLOWING THE CLASHES AND SOME STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS IN THE AFTERNOON. THE VIOLENCE OCCURRED AS MIRWAIZ FAROOQ'S FOLLOWERS WERE RETURNING FROM LISTENING TO THEIR LEADER AT FRIDAY PRAYERS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS THUS FAR OF DISTURBANCES ELSEWHERE IN THE VALLEY.

2. AN EXPLOSIVE DEVISE OF SOME TYPE WENT OFF IN THE HART OF SRINAGAR FEBRUARY 27, INJURING A TOTAL OF 14. POLICE INITIALLY DESCRIBED IT AS A TYPE OF FIRECRACKER, BUT THAT

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WAS BEFORE THE CASUALTY LIST GREW SO LARGE.

3. EARLIER IN THE WEEK, THE HINDU NATIONALIST JANA SANGH PARTY
DEMONSTRATED A MIRROR-IMAGE ABILITY TO CLOSE DOWN JAMMU
CITY IN THE PREDOMINANTLY HINDU PORTION OF THE STATE. PROTESTING
THE ABDULLA-GANDHI AGREEMENT AND THE RETURN OF SHEIKH ABDULLAH
TO POWER, THE JANA SANGH DEMONSTORS CLASSED WITH POLICE,
RESULTING IN A REPORTED 20-25 INJURED. SHOPS CLOSED THROUGH
MUCH OF THE CITY AS A RESULT BUT
LIFE APPARENTLY CONTINUED AS USUAL ON FOLLOWING DAYS.
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